

HE distance from the house fronts of a cer tain up-town street in New York and those of the street

behind was only two hundred feet, but the social distance could not be expressed by a string of figures a mile long. On one street the people were "swell," with all that the word implies; on the other was an occasional "flat" house and even several stables. The people who lived in the humbler row were good enough, perhaps; indeed, Mrs. Uistone, who resided in the hand-somest house in the better street, and had as much good will as money, freely admitted to herself and her family that difference in the social positions of people was often due only to the accident of wealth, which sometimes bafell familles not entirely deserving of it.

Still, when one day her only son, who was self-indulgent and masterful, as well as very fine looking, astonaded the family by declaring that he would marry that handsome girl who lived just across the back fence, Mrs. Ulstone wowed to hemself, by the blood of all her ancestors, that no such girl should profit by the accident of the Uistone wealth. She didn't know the girl from Adam, or any of Adam's somewhat numerous feminine progeny, but of course she had other designs for her son. To be sure, there wasn't much to the young man but his looks and name, but these amounted to much in the social world, and she intended to make the most of them. Her son had been a trial to her almost from his birth; he had inherited his father's nature, which was arrogast, uncontrolled and rather coarse. He drank too much, kept bad hours and never did anything entirely to his credit; but his mother knew of half a dozen prominent families that would gladly accept him as a son-in-law. If they were satisfied, who could blame her for wanting him to make a good match?

What provoked Mrs. Ulstone most was that her son's infatuation came about through the back fence itself. When Ulstone, Sr., who had been brought up in the country, bought the lot on which he built his new city house, he noticed that his neighbor in the rear had a very pretty garden. Gardens are about as scarce in New York as in the desert of Sahara, so old Ulstone obtained permission to put up a new division fence, which he made as light and open as possible, and then had men plant his own "back yard" regardless of expense. The neighbor's gardener proved to be his wife, and as time went on the little girl who often assisted her became a sightly young woman-a fact which soon made itself known to the younger Ulstone, whose tastes in this respect were as broad as maidenhood itself.

But how was Mrs. Ulstone to prevent the match, if her son's heart was set upon it? The young man was a veritable lady-killer; his eyes alone, when he was moved to use them, had made dozens of heart-aches in succession, each for the sake of a few weeks' amuse ment. He was quite equal to introducing himself, carrying everything before him, running away with the girl, marrying her, and trusting his family to receive the bride when the storm of indignation had spent itself. He had had his own way all his life; he was not likely to fail now, for this was the first time he ever had spoken of marriage. Oh, that fateful fence! But something must be done at once, for the young man never allowed the grass to grow under his feet when he had set his heart on

anything.
As she mused, and tormented her aristocratic mind, she glanced through the back window of her drawing-room through the mischief-making fence, and saw a youthful figure going from pne flower-bed to another. The features she could not distinguish at that distance, but she bethought herself of her opera-glass, which she quickly brought into service.

"Really," she informed herself, "my son has taste. The girl has a good face and figure. So much the worse for us. "I suppose that is her mother, coming from the back door; yes, I can see the family resemblance. What a moth-

erly face she has! She doesn't look a bit proud or ambitious, either. She is not the woman to let another mother's

Mrs. Ulstone continued for some mo ments to study the mother and daughter through the best glasses that money had been able to buy for her son, but suddenly she stopped and exclaimed:

"There's no time like the present." Within fifteen minutes Mrs. Ulstone was attired to make a call, although any member of the family would have believed she was starting for one of her frequent charitable visitations of the sick poor, for her dress, cloak and hat, though costly and entirely becoming, were severely plain. She went into the back street, rang the bell of the bouse of her neighbor of the garden, and was admitted by the young woman of the family, before whom she actually trembled as she said:

"Can I see the lady of the house?" She was shown into a cozy little parlor, furnished in quite as good taste as ber own, although everything in it-so a quick mental estimate concludedcost less than the portieres which di-wided her parlors. For several minutes she heard quick steps overhead; then there was a rather heavy tread on the stairs, and the lady of the house entered with dignity, although with some wonder in her countenance. Mrs. Ulstone had carefully refrained from sending up her card-there was no

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"I am Mrs. Ulstone, madam-a neighbor of yours for years, though we've not chanced to meet. Cities are heartless places. I assure you that I don't know one in twenty of the families on my own street, long though I've lived there."

"Just like me," responded the neighbor, innocently neglecting to give her own name. "Almost all of our friends live in other streets-some of them a good way off."

"I know your face very well, though. It is a real motherly face, and I my-self am a mother above all things. I dropped in to talk to you frankly on a subject which only mothers can under stand. You have a very charming

daughter. "She's the best girl in the world, Mrs. Ulstone."

"I'm sure she is! I know girls well; but I've never seen a sweeter and better

"Then you do know girls," came the reply with extreme emphasis.

"I trust she is happily engaged?" "To a young man? No, ma'am-not she. Her father and I think there's no man good enough for her; and, to tell shade.



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the truth, she seems to think so herself, though she's not a bit conceited." The answer was not what Mrs. Ulstone had hoped for, but it was necessary to go farther.

My dear madam, I beg that you will hold in strictest confidence what I am about to say. May I ask whether your daughter is acquainted with my son?" "No, indeed!" was the reply, in a

tone that startled Mrs. Uistone, though the tone changed as the neighbor quickly added: "If she were, I should know There are no secrets between my daughter and me, particularly about young men."

"How comforting!" murmured Mrs. Ulstone, and then she rapidly continued: "It is my duty to tell you that my son has expressed the strongest admiration for your daughter."
"Oh, Mrs. Ulstone!"

"You can't wonder at it, I'm sure, my dear madam; nor can I, for, as I've already said, I never saw a better or sweeter face. It came about by accident, of course. My son has often seen your daughter through the garden fence, and he would be more than hu-man were he not strongly impressed by her grace and beauty. Now, he has seen a great deal of society, as he has never had anything to do but make himself agreeable to ladies. I must admit that he is rather handsome, and, as he will be rich in the course of time, he has had much admiration; but never until now has he expressed an earnest preference for anyone. Of course as he doesn't know your daughter, the situation is quite novel and embarras to me, and—"

"I should think so," interrupted the neighbor, who had begun to look very

"And I thought," continued Mrs Ulstone, "that the best thing would be for me to come over and have an honest. confidential talk with you-a talk between mothers, for who can be more deeply interested than we?"

"You were quite right, ma'am," was the reply, "but I should like to ask you a question or two. You say your son has nothing to do but make himself agreeable to ladies. Isn't he in busi-

"Not as yet. He's shown no decided inclination toward anything, and, really, he does not need to work; our means are sufficient to support him handsomely.

"Does he belong to the church?" "No; that is, he has not yet been confirmed."

"He drinks, I suppose? Most rich young men do." Sometimes he takes a glass or two of wine," Mrs. Ulstone answered, as

she reddened a little. "I suppose he belongs to a lot of clubs, too?" interrupted the neighbor. "He is a member of four of the most DR. T. FELIX GOURAUD'S ORIEN select," replied Mrs. Ulstone, "and I BEAUTIFIES.
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wish he spent less time at them, for I doubt it being a proper preparation for the more serious duties of life." "I guess, then, it won't be of any "I guess, then, it won't be of any use for him to become acquainted with

my daughter, for she has very strong views about such things." "You think, then, that the young

lady will not be likely to encourage any attentions my son may chance to "I know it, ma'am-I'll stake my life

on it.' "Then," said Mrs. Ulstone, rising, "I built tream, as the least harm third all the skn by an except that I'm greatly oblique for except that I'm greatly oblique for except that I'm greatly oblique for the skn by the skn that I'm greatly obliged for your cour-

"Don't mention it, ma'am," said the lady of the house, accompanying the visitor to the door, which closed a moment later with so violent a slam that Mrs. Ulstone, who had reached the sidewalk, stopped and looked inquiringly up at the parlor window, where she saw a face which showed signs of mingled indignation and pity. Mrs. IHDAPO Ulstone felt her heart boil with rage as

she hurried away, muttering to herself: "I do believe that woman thought I came to propose a marriage of her daughter to my son-and she thinks she's refused it?"

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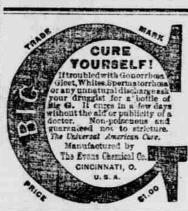
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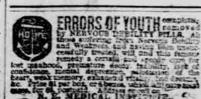
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writer declares that about an equal number are miserably underpaid. -Jay Gould's family is to build a memorial church at Roxbury, N. Y., costing \$250,000 and bearing on its corner stone this inscription: "To the

glory of God and in the memory of Jay Gould. -To do an evil action is base; to do a good action, without incurring danger, is common enough; but it is the part of a good man to do great and noble deeds, though he risks everything.-

-It is a great thing to love Christ so dearly as to be "ready to be bound and to die" for him, but it is often a thing not less great to be ready to take up our daily cross and to live for him.-John Caird.

Plutarch.

-What is the purpose of life? "Happiness," says one. "No: usefulness," affirms another. A third assures us that 'tis stoicism. The gospel alone teaches that the true end of life is character.-St. Louis Republic.

-Three panels of stained glass representing the command "Feed my sheep" will be placed in St. Margaret's church, near Westminster abbey, as a memorial to Phillips Brooks. The church will also send a subscription of \$1,000 to the Harvard memorial.

-Dr. Henry W. Williams, for many years professor of ophthalmology in the medical department of Harvard University, and who resigned two years ago, has promised the medical faculty \$25,000 for the endowment of a full professorship of opthalmology. -An Ohio church is reported in this pounds.

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that he took a becoming pride in the my contempt for you. Snaggs-I'm At the corner of Fifty-eighth street glad to hear it. Now I will have a lit- and Fifth avenue he wheeled and started across the avenue for a stroll down the other side of the way, and threw that he is familiar with Latin? Stag- back his shoulders bravely as he noticed a group of pretty boarding-school girls, out for a constitutional, watching him.

As he reached the middle of the -"Puffer has quit smoking alto- street he haited to let an express wagon gether. Did his wife break him?" go by, and as he halted he turned for a "Yes." "How did she?" "I think killing look at the pretty girls. The express wagon was loaded beyond its ordinary limits, and one of the many -Philosophers go about saying this ropes needed to secure the load had be is woman's age. According to her own come loosened and was tralling out for account woman denies it—denies have half a block behind. The prim maiden come loosened and was trailing out for lady in charge of the girls returned the killing look in carnest, and the -No Need to Be Long.-Col. Blood old beau made haste to continue his (of Louisville)—Here's an article on trip to the opposite sidewalk. But his "The Water We Drink." Col. Gore pointed patent-leather shoe trod on the flying rope and he turned what is technicelly known as "a single-twist, side twist, double-revolution somersault." It differed only from a professional act a dozen times in as many years." in that instead of landing on his feet he "Yes, she is fitting herself as a variety dianded on his tall hat and drove it nearly up to the tips of his nicely curled

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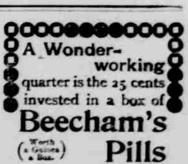
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